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SUBJECT: CPR ACTIVITIES IN BURUNDI

REF BUJUMBURA A-126 OF 12/8/72 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: CPR AND GRB SIGN PROTOCOL TO 1972 ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WHICH REPORTEDLY PERMITS INITIATION CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF MUGERE DAM PROJECT. MODALITIES OF IMPORTATION OF CHINESE GOODS REPORTED TO BE CAUSING DIFFICULTIES. END SUMMARY

1. BURUNDI MEDIA REPORTS SIGNING ON SEPT 24 OF CPR/GRB PROTOCOL WHICH WOULD APPEAR CLEAR WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON MUGERE RIVER DAM AND 6,000 KILOWATT HYDROELECTRIC CENTRAL TO SUPPLY POWER TO CITY OF BUJUMBURA. CPR REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR CHEN FENG, COUNSELOR PU YI, CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONOMIC FIRST SECRETARY SUN LI HSUN, FIRST SECRETARY

SHEH LIEN JUI, THIRD SECRETARY SUN SHEN HING, ATTACHE
TUN CHENG LAI, "CHIEF OF MISSION" TCHANG CON LANG, AND ONE
HUNG CHE TSUN (UNIDENTIFIED). PROTOCOL SIGNED FOR GRB BY
FONMIN ARTEMON SIMBANANIYE.

2. IN COURSE WARM EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES, SIMBANANIYE NOTED
THAT PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTED CPR/GRB ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1972 AND THAT IT MANIFESTS
"COMMON WILL" TO COOPERATE TO INCREASING DEGREE IN ALL
FIELDS. SIMBANANIYE PRAISED CPR, WHICH HAD BEEN ONLY
COUNTRY TO EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP ON MUGERE PROJECT AFTER
IT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO BURUNDI'S
GREAT DISSAPPOINTMENT. EASY TERMS OF CPR LOAN ALSO APPRECIATED,
AS WAS WHAT GRB FELT TO BE ABSENCE OF STRINGS IN CONNECTION
WITH CHINESE ASSISTANCE.

3. AMBASSADOR CHEN RESPONDED THAT CPR AND BURUNDI WERE FRIENDS
LINKED BY A COMMON SEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COMMON SYMPATHIES.
NOTED IN COURSE HIS REMARKS THAT CURRENT PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE
CONTRUCTION OF DAM AND POWER STATION AND INSTALLATION OF POWER
LINE FROM CENTRAL TO BUJUMBURA (SOME 15-20 KILOMETERS).

4. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED WORD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT
CHINESE AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK PAID CALL ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY
DAMIEN BARAKAMFITIYE. AMBASSADOR UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE PRESENTED
CASE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BURUNDI STATE TRADING CORPORATION
WHICH WOULD HANDLE CHINESE GOODS IMPORTED IN IMPLEMENTATION
CPR LOAN. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BARAKAMFITIYE, PRESUMABLY
WITH SUPPORT FROM OTHER PARTS OF CABINET, HAS RESISTED THIS
STEP AND INDICATED THAT IMPORTS SHOULD BE THROUGH NORMAL
PRIVATE TRADING CHANNELS. LOCAL IMPORTERS SO FAR NOT
ANXIOUS TO BE SADDLED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF DISPOSING OF
CHINESE GOODS WHICH THEY TEND FEEL WILL BECOME DRAG ON
MINISCULE BURUNDI MARKET.

5. COMMENT: FORCES AT WORK ON BOTH SIDES PROMISE MADE
QUESTION OF ESTAGLISHMENT STATE TRADING COOPERATION
CONTENTIOUS ONE. CHINESE WILLINGNESS MOVE FORWARD ON THESE
TWO FRONTS AT PRESENT TIME APPEARS TO BE DEPARTURE FROM
RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE POSTURE OF LAST FEW MONTHS. MAY
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REFLECT ADDITIONAL ROOM FOR MANEUVER PROVIDED BY END TO
RECENT ACUTE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BURUNDI AND CPR-FRIENDLY
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